

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR USING WILDCARDS IN SEMANTIC PARSING

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method and apparatus perform semantic
5 parsing by designating one or more words in an input
text stream as wildcards. Under some embodiments,
partially constructed parses formed from other words
in the text stream are used to control when a later
word will be identified as a wildcard. In
10 particular, if a partial parse is expecting a
semantic token that begins with a wildcard, the next
word in the input text segment is designated as a
wildcard term. If none of the existing partial parses
are expecting a semantic token that begins with a
15 wildcard, the next word is not designated as a
wildcard